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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/783,548</p>	<p>Applicant(s) FOREST ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner Jeff Wollschlager</p>	<p>Art Unit 1732</p>	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 30 July 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See continuation sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 30, 2007 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments appear to be on the following grounds:

1. The flow distances contemplated by the present invention are exactly the same as the flow distances taught in the Wood reference. Thus, there is no reasonable motivation to reduce the flow distances in the Wood technology. Accordingly, it would not have been obvious to do so. Furthermore, the complementary obviousness type double patenting rejection thereby also fails.

2. The examiner has failed to explain how the disclosure of the molding apparatus employed by Johnson, as shown in the Figure, makes it obvious to modify the mold of Wood's Figure 4 for example to include additional inlet ports.

The arguments are not persuasive for the following reason:

1. The examiner submits that the motivation to reduce the distance of the ports in Woods is provided by Johnson as set forth in the final rejection, to reduce the distance of travel of the rapidly curing resin. Johnson makes it clear that due to the rapid curing of the resin reduced travel distances are desirable (col. 1, lines 52-60). As such, even if the present invention and the Wood reference employ "exactly the same" flow distances, the combination is reasonable and there is proper motivation, even if the reasons are different than applicant's, to combine the references. As a secondary note, the examiner submits that it does not appear, at least in the figures, that the flow distances are exactly the same between the instant invention and Woods. Ports (43) and (41) appear to reduce the distance of travel to the preforms relative to port (16). In any event, it is the examiner's position that the combination is proper.

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2. As an initial matter, the examiner submits that it is not the structure of the mold disclosed by Johnson that is being combined with Wood, it is the teaching (in the Introduction section of the Johnson patent) that multiple inlet ports are desirable to reduce the distance of travel of the rapidly curing resin. Furthermore, the examiner notes that Johnson points out that "[i]t will be apparent that the number and placement of the resin-in and air-out passages will be a matter within the ability of those skilled in the art of resin transfer molding given the present disclosure." (col. 6, lines 64-67).

The examiner maintains that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of the claimed invention, for example, when provided with the teaching of Wood as shown in Figure 3 and Figure 10, showing the flow of resin (as arrows) to the preforms, and the disclosure by Johnson that reducing the distance the resin has to travel within the mold is desirable in rapidly curing resin transfer molding processes, to have added a plurality of inlet ports of resin to the top and bottom half portions of the mold in Wood's rapidly curing resin transfer molding process.

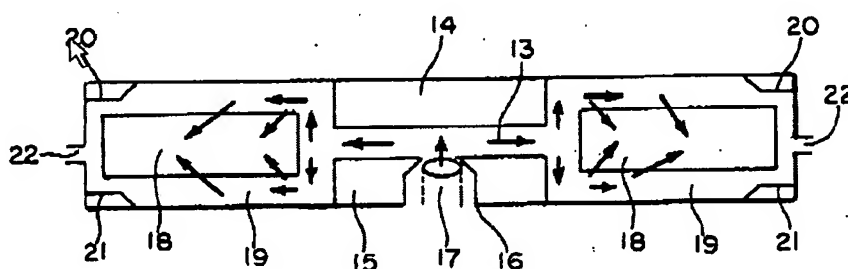


FIG. 3

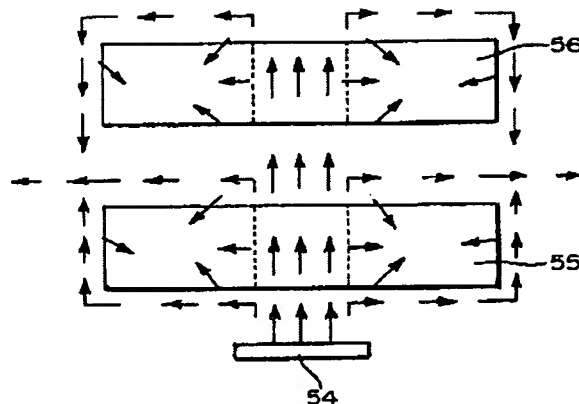


FIG. 10

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeff Wollschlager whose telephone number is 571-272-8937. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:00 - 4:45, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson can be reached on 571-272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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